

Pandy's Meadowlands Selections for Saturday, June 19

Note: My odds-line for my top four contenders is based on what I think each horse's chances are to win the race. For instance, if I make a horse 4-1, I think the horse's chances of winning are about 20%, so if the same exact race was run ten times, he'd win it twice. If I make all of the horses about the same odds, that's an indication that I think the race is wide open, or that I can't pinpoint a horse that appears to have a strong edge.

Meadowlands Race Picks by Bob Pandolfo

RACE 1

1 ATLAS HANOVER 8-5
7 TEACHEROUS TOM 2-1
4 CAPTAIN COOK 3-1
2 RIVER NESS 7-2

The first four races tonight are maiden races for two years, always fun to watch for future stars. I've ranked them based on who I think has the best chance of winning after analyzing their qualifiers and choices the drivers made when they had options to consider. There are other factors to consider, like trainer patterns, post positions, and pedigree. But, the prep races tend to be the most reliable indicator of win probability.

RACE 2

5 GLOBAL PANDEMIC 2-1
6 WALL OF MONI 5-2
4 S I P 4-1
2 KEG STAND 12-1

RACE 3

4 I DID IT MY WAY 8-5
1 FOXHUNT 5-2
6 SILVERSTONE 7-2
7 NAUTICAL HANOVER 4-1

RACE 4

1 PINK GYPSY 2-1
2 AMERICAN BEAUTY 5-2
5 PEYTON HANOVER 7-2
8 PARDON MY LINDY 8-1

RACE 5

2 HYPONTIC AM 2-1
7 IT'S ACADEMIC 8-5
4 READY FOR MONI 3-1
3 PLAY TRIX FOR ME 15-1

HYPNOTIC AM is back in top form and may be well placed again...IT'S ACADEMIC has maintained his form and should be heading to the lead again...READY FOR MONI couldn't get there first over in last but this is only his third start of the year and he could make a forward move.

RACE 6

2 LYONS SENTINEL 5-2
7 KEEP ROCKIN A 4-1

5 PEAKY SNEAKY 8-1
4 RACINE BELL 4-1

LYONS SENTINEL was first over and just missed in last...KEEP ROCKIN A has been closing well and there may be more pace in this race...PEAKY SNEAKY finished well in last and may be coming around now; price factor in exotics...RACINE BELL wired similar in last but was allowed to rate the opening half. She's a consistent mare but I expect a more contested pace here.

RACE 7
6 SOUTH BEACH STAR 8-5
5 ONE EIGHT HUNDRED 3-1
7 SUMMA CUM LAUDE 7-2
2 ROCKYROAD HANOVER 5-1

SOUTH BEACH STAR late bloomer has come to hand for Pelling...ONE EIGHT HUNDRED has speed to be well placed...SUMMA CUM LAUDE was short in his first two starts of his 3yo season but they add lasix, the qualifier with lasix was good, Burke does very well first time lasix, and improvement seems likely...ROCKYROAD HANOVER is heading in the right direction for Alagna and note that Dexter Dunn chose this one over the 7.

RACE 8
6 TEST OF FAITH 1-1
4 CONTINUALOU 7-2
3 MARSALA HANOVER 9-2
1 THEBEACHISCALLING 6-1

TEST OF FAITH was sharp in her NY sire stakes win at Saratoga and is now 9 for 10...CONTINUALOU David Miller chose the 6 but this filly is quite capable...MARSALA HANOVER has improved steadily, as has THEBEACHISCALLING.

RACE 9
5 CATTLEWASH** 7-2
1 CAPTAIN BARBOSSA 2-1
2 RUTHLESS HANOVER 7-2
12 ALYWAG HANOVER 5-1

CATTLEWASH showed high speed last year and his first start as a 4 year old was solid; could be sitting on a big one...CAPTAIN BARBOSSA comes off a big 1:47.1 career best mile two weeks ago. He could bounce and still win this...RUTHLESS HANOVER was a bit short in last but his prior start was a strong win...ALYWAG HANOVER really stepped up his game in his last few starts. He gets stuck in the second tier but he showed that he can grind out a win on the outside two starts back.

RACE 10
2 AMIGO VOLO 5-2
4 BEADS 7-5
7 RAMONA HILL 3-1
5 HILLEXOTIC 14-1

AMIGO VOLO seems due for a big one and may get a nice trip here...BEADS is the one to beat...RAMONA HILL classy mare won the Hambletonian then tailed off at the end of her 3yo season making breaks in her last two starts. Alagna has prepped her three times and he tends to bring them back ready; she needs to win this to make the final, so my guess is that Andy will leave with her.

RACE 11
7 COVERED BRIDGE 7-2

5 PERFECT STING 7-5
8 SHAKE THAT HOUSE 4-1
1 LYONS STEEL 8-1

COVERED BRIDGE was in a tough spot in last; upset call in what looks like a very good field for the N/W \$12,500 level...PERFECT STING, last year's two year old Champion, lost his comeback race by a head, his first defeat in 11 career starts, and came back with a snappy qualifier; faces older horses here as he preps for his 3yo stakes campaign. I'm not sure that this is going to be an easy prep for him...SHAKE THAT HOUSE had a disappointing 4yo campaign but he's back in top form now and capable of big efforts, like his last race...LYONS STEEL seems better than last.

RACE 12
7 WESTERN JOE 8-5
2 ANGERS BAYAMA 7-2
6 BACKSTREET SHADOW 2-1
4 BRASSY HANOVER 8-1

RACE 13
2 IMA REAL LADYS MAN 2-1
7 DEALER'S TABLE 2-1
3 DRAGON ROARS AGAIN 9-2
8 LOU'S PEARLMAN 9-2

RACE 14
3 BETTOR NOTBITTER A 2-1
10 TJ BLAST 7-2
2 IDEAL SON 6-1
9 ROJAN'S WAY 9-1

BEST BET: CATTLEWASH 9th Race